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SUBJECT: SEATO: ARRANGEMENTS FOR 18 TH COUNCIL MEETING

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SUMMARY: BOTH SEATO SEC GEN IN PERSONAL APPEAL TO CHARGE AND DEP SEC GEN HAVE EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN OVER WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE LACK OF SUFFICIENT FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT USUN TO ADEQUATELY SUPPORT 18 TH COUNCIL MEETING. THEY ARE PARTICULARLY DISTRESSED OVER LACK OF OFFICE SPACE FOR NATIONAL DELEGATIONS AND THEIR OWN USE. UNLESS SUCH SPACE CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE, THEY DO NOT FEEL MEETING SHOULD BE HELD AT USUN AND BELIEVE ANOTHER SITE SHOULD BE SELECTED. THEY ARE OF OPINION THAT LACK OF ADEQUATE SUPPORT FACILITIES WILL RESULT IN NATIONAL DELEGATIONS DISSATISFACTION WHICH WOULD BE DIRECTED AGAINST BOTH SEATO AND USG. END SUMMARY.

1. SEATO DEP SEC GEN HYSLOP AND EXEC ASSNT REYNA HAVE EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN TO EMBOFFOVER WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE LACK OF SUFFICIENT FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT USUN TO ADEQUATELY SUPPORT 18 TH COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 29. PARTICULARLY CONCERNED OVER LACK OF INDIVIDUAL OFFICE SPACE FOR NATIONAL DELEGATIONS USE AND FOR SEC GEN AND DEP SEC GEN AT USUN. THEY STATE THAT DIVIDING UP SECOND FLOOR AUDITORIUM WITH TEMPORARY PARTITIONS WILL NOT SUFFICE FOR THIS PUR-  
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POSE NOR SHOULD NATIONAL DELEGATIONS CONCERNED SOLELY WITH COUNCIL MEETING BE EXPECTED UTILIZE THEIR OWN MISSION FACILITIES IN NEW YORK. MOREOVER, THEY SAY THAT BARE MINIMUM OF 2,000 SQ. FT. REQUIRED FOR SEATO AND LOCAL ( I. E., US PROVIDED) SUPPORT STAFF ALONE WHEREAS AUDITORIUM PROVIDES ONLY 1,870 SQ. FT. ( SUPPORT STAFF WOULD COM- PRISE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT FROM SEATO (500 SQ. FT.), TYPING POOL CONSISTING OF 6 TYPISTS AND 4 PROOFREADERS (500 SQ. FT.), 3 VERBATIM REPORTERS (300 SQ. FT.), REPRODUCTION CENTER CONSISTING OF 1 SUPER- VISOR AND 4 OPERATORS (500 SQ. FT), AND A DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTION CENTER CONSISTING OF 1 SUPERVISOR, 3 ASSISTANTS AND 2 MESSENGERS (200 SQ. FT.).

2. WITH REGARD TO US- PROVIDED PERSONNEL, SEATO MAINTAINS THAT MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS WOULD CALL FOR CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT, ONE ESCORT- LIAISON OFFICER FOR EACH DELEGATION AND SECGEN AND THREE SECTARIES IN ADDITION TO THE 24 PEOPLE DESCRIBED IN LAST SENTENCE PRECEDING PARA, FOR A TOTAL OF 36. WE WOULD FORESEE MEETING SUCH A STAFFING REQUIREMENT AS ANOTHER MAJOR PROBLEM RELATED TO THE USUN VENUE.

3. EMBOFF IN HIS BRIEFING OF SEATO OFFICIALS RE PHYSICAL FACILITIES AVAILABLE USUN ATTEMPTED IMPRESS UPON THEM THAT, WHILE US FULLY RECOGNIZES THIS WILL BE AMONG MOST IMPORTANT COUNCIL MEETINGS SINCE IT WILL ADDRESS FUTURE OF ORGANIZATIONS, HE BELIEVED MEETING COULD BE HELD AT USUN WITH ITS REALTIVELY LIMITED FACILITIES PROVIDED THE PAPER WORK CHARACTERIZING PREVIOUS MEETINGS WAS CUT TO MINIMUM. THIS SHOULD BE FACILITATED BY SECRETARIAT POSITION NOT TO ISSUE COMMUNIQUE NOR HAVE SECGEN HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE. IN ADDITION, ATTT- EMPTS BEING MADE PERSUADE SEATO NOT TO PUBLISH VERBATIM RECORD IN NEW YORK BUT INSTEAD UPON RETURN TO BANGKOK. IF SUCCESSFUL, REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPPORT STAFF WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED.

4. SECGEN SUNTHORN ON MAY30 PERSONALLY CALLED ON CHARGE TO EXPRESS HIS SERIOUS CONCERN RE LACK OF SUFFICIENT FACILITIES. HE PARTICULAR- LY BELIEVED IT EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT EACH NATIONAL DELEGATION HAVE AN OFFICE AT THE USUN TO SERVE AS FOCAL POINT FOR MATTERS AFFECTING MEETING. SUNTHORN STRESSED THAT HE WOULD NOT BE CARRYING OUT HIS DUTIES AS SECGEN IF HE DID NOT STRONGLY BRING THESE VIEWS TO OUR ATTENTION SINCE DISSATISFACTION, WHICH HE BELIEVES WILL CERTAINLY RESULT IF NO OFFICE SPACE IS PROVIDED, WOULD BE DIRECTED AGAINST HIM AS WELL AS US AS HOST.

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5. ALTHOUGH WE CAN WELL APPRECIATE HEAVY DEMANDS ON OFFICE SPACE DURING UNGA, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT WAY BE FOUND TO MAKE AVAIL- ABLE SIX OFFICES FOR NATIONAL DELEGATIONS FOR PERIOD SPET 24-28 AND A LARGER OFFICE, OR SUITE, FOR SECGEN AND DEPSECGEN USE FOR PERIOD SEPT 21-28. IT ALSO IMPORTANT THAT WE MEET MINIMUM NEEDS FOR SUPPORT STAFF WHEN THESE ARE FINALLY DETERMINED. SEATO

OFFICIALS ARE ADAMENT ON OFFICE SPACE, AND THE DEPSEC GEN, IN FACT,  
HAS GONE SO FAR AS TO INFORM EMBOFF THAT HE BELIEVES US SHOULD  
LOOK FOR ANOTHER SITE IF OFFICE SPACE CANNOT BE MADE AVAILABLE.  
SEATO SECRETARIAT AND REGIONAL MEMBERS HAVE GONE A LONG WAY TO MEET  
OUR DESIRES RE SCHEDULING AND NATURE OF MEETING, AND WE BELIEVE IT  
MOST IMPORTANT, IN ORDER AVOID POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS, THAT WE DO  
EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MEET SEATO'S REQUESTS.

6. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.  
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